

Fundraising and Contests

The Imperial Court shall be responsible for holding the following HIGHLY suggested fundraising pageants/contests during each Reign.

- Mr./Miss Halloween Fantasy (traditionally held in October or at the scheduling discretion of the Reigning Monarchs)
- Mr./Miss Snowflake (traditionally held in January or at the scheduling discretion of the Reigning Monarchs)
- Mr./Miss Turn-a-bout (traditionally held in September or at the scheduling discretion of the Reigning Monarchs)

Other fund raising pageants/contests may be held as the Reigning Monarchs see fit and may be produced by the BOD as well. All pageants shall be produced by following the guidelines below as deemed applicable:

The purpose for these pageants/contests is for the contestants to raise money, which will be converted into points for that person. The money has to be twenty (20%) percent of the total points to be stated on the application. The rest will be divided up between whatever categories there are (usually question and answer, talent, evening gown/after five).

- Judging will be based on the following categories:
 - Presentation**—0-300 pts=30%
 - Evening wear**—0-100 pts=10%
 - Question and Answer**—0-100 pts=10%
 - Talent**—0-300 pts=30%
 - Pledges & Talent tips**—0-200 pts=20%

The Court Committee will consist of one (1) person from the COM, one (1) court member and the Corporate Treasurer (or an appointee of the Reigning Monarchs).

Judges must be selected before the night of the pageant/contest. There must be a minimum of five (5) judges, three (3) of which should be non-active members of the Court. If a judge is unable to attend, pageant, the pageant host/coordinator may appoint a replacement at random to fulfill the five (5) judge requirement.

Since the purpose of these pageants/contests is to raise money for the cause, use of an Official Pageant Packet is required and contestants must raise a minimum of \$25 before the night of the pageant/contest.

In order to keep the pageant/contest fair, a loved one or a close friend of the contestant may not have any part the night of the pageant/contest when it comes to judging, counting money, counting scores, etc. This does not mean that they cannot help the contestant in any way during the night for such things as dressing, setting up, etc.

The person putting on the pageant/contest, in conjunction with the committee will supply the contestant with a packet. This will include an explanation of the categories of which the contestants will be judged along with a tally list for contestants to raise money and keep track of donors and/or anonymous donations made toward said pageant or contest.

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On the money sheets, there will be a statement about what the person is running for. The packets shall contain the date of the pageant/contest and must be signed by the Reigning Monarchs in RED or BLUE ink. The sheet will be numbered in some fashion for accounting purposes. All sheets that are passed out must be turned back in the night of the pageant/contest whether they are filled out or not. Any packet that is not returned on said date must be returned along with required and/or stated raised monetary donation within 10 days of the date of the contest/pageant. Any person whom fails to return his/her packet within the time deadline shall be suspended from competing in another pageant/contest for six (6) months.

It is the responsibility of the contestant to collect all funds on the count sheet. If a person writes down a donation, the contestant needs to collect it then. ALL money that is written down on the count sheet must be turned in, even if altered, crossed out, etc. If the sheets do not match the money turned in, the contestant will have to pay the difference.

Prizes may include sashes, medallions, scepters, tiaras, certificates, pins/brooches or other such adornments. For the purpose of upholding the traditions of the ICFWA as well as the image and status of our Monarchs, head crowns shall only be worn by Monarchs and may not be awarded otherwise.